

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, DC

Issued by the Department of Transportation on November 25, 1998

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST 98-4788

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Application of Polar Air Cargo, Inc. filed 11/18/98 for:

XX Exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to:

Integrate its authority to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail involving any points named on its existing certificates of public convenience and necessity and its existing exemptions, and any hereafter acquired certificate and exemption authority.

Applicant rep.: Jeffrey A. Manley 202-879-5161 DOT analyst: Sylvia Moore, 202-366-6519

DISPOSITION

XX Granted, in part (subject to conditions, see below)

XX Balance dismissed (see below)

The above action was effective when taken: November 25, 1998, through November 25, 2000

Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director

Office of International Aviation

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

XX Holder's certificate of public convenience and necessity

XX Standard Exemption Conditions (attached)

Conditions: The route integration authority granted is subject to the condition that any service provided under the exemption shall be consistent with all applicable agreements between the United States and the foreign countries involved. Furthermore, (a) nothing in the award of the route integration authority requested should be construed as conferring upon Polar rights (including fifth-freedom intermediate and/or beyond rights) to serve markets where U.S. carrier entry is limited unless Polar notifies us of its intent to serve such a market and unless and until the Department has completed any necessary selection procedures to determine which carrier(s) should be authorized to exercise such rights; and (b) should there be a request by any carrier to use the limited-entry route rights that are included in Polar's authority by virtue of the route integration exemption granted here, but that are not then being used by Polar, the holding of such authority by route integration will not be considered as providing any preference for Polar in a competitive carrier selection proceeding to determine which carrier(s) should be entitled to use the authority at issue.

(See Reverse Side)

Remarks: We acted on this application without awaiting expiration of the 15-day answer period with the consent of all parties served.

Dismissal: We dismissed the carrier's request for route integration authority with respect to future certificate/exemption authority. When faced previously with a comparable request, we decided not to grant open route integration authority on a prospective basis (see Orders 96-11-25, at 3 and 98-7-21, Docket OST-98-3860), and Polar has provided no persuasive basis for us to deviate from that result here.

On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(n) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted or dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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